

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

Late Tuesday afternoon the Elba City School Board voted to name High School Principal Danny Weeks as the new superintendent of the Elba school system. We purposely stayed out of the discussions and selection process, assuming the five members of the school board are well qualified to carry out their duties of selecting a successor for retiring Superintendent Charles Pearce. Watching the solemn look on the faces of the board members as they opened the meeting Tuesday afternoon and the worn out look on those same faces two hours later as they emerged from executive session, we know they took the responsibility seriously. The decision has been made, and we wish Mr. Weeks and the Elba school system well.

Frankly, we are not sure Danny Weeks is the real winner as he was named superintendent of schools. That is a monster of a job and it is never done . . . most of us have seen enough to know that much about the position. It could be that the nine applicants who didn't get the job are in a far better position now than is Mr. Weeks.

Ralston Moore and Derrick Thomas are two Elba teenage boys who have got to be at the top of everyone's good list right now for their unselfish actions in pulling those two young girls from sun drowning at Panama City Beach recently. When a person hears someone being described as having "the right stuff" they are talking of people exactly like these two teenage Elba boys. They do us proud . . . all of the people of Elba, their respective families and especially the young men themselves.

There is beginning to be a little more political activity spotted in Coffee County, with the elections looming just around the corner. There was even a candidate pounding the streets by our house Saturday afternoon. He wasn't sticking around for long conversations, but made it clear he wanted one more vote and was willing to sweat a little to ask for it. That is not our cup of tea, but we hold those who are willing to make the sacrifices to offer themselves for public office in the highest regard. Hopefully, each of our readers will just say "Thank you" to each and every candidate they talk with during this and every other political campaign. One of the freedoms cherished in America is the right to our own personal opinions and we need to extend the same freedom to all these people, knowing some are going to think differently from us. (Heck, it is because they are more uninformed than each of us . . . right?)

It is kinda frightening to continually read of domestic problems climaxing in shooting deaths. Love and pride are two strong emotions and when some people have the two mixing and conflicting, trouble is brewing. The recent solution by entirely too many people to that conflict has been violence . . . and we don't mean a fight that can be patched up later, but killings. Somehow during the turmoil of emotions, almost weekly a Wiregrass person decides to kill a (former) loved one, the new "friend" and then themselves. Several times the shootings have drawn in other family members also. Hopefully, none of our friends will resort to such action. We never have enough friends and are not willing to give up even one to such a sudden and violent end. While there are none we know of who are on this cliff edge, it doesn't mean there isn't someone else out there thinking all too seriously about how these others tackled their worries in recent weeks and falsely believing it is the answer to their own problems.

No indictment of McGrath-Love by grand jury in ethic investigation

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A press release from the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office last Friday stated that a grand jury which met on May 8 and 9 had heard evidence in the case of Eva McGrath-Love concerning an investigation by the Alabama Ethics Commission and had returned a "no bill" in the case.

A grand jury had ordered the Alabama Ethics Commission to look into the discrepancy of funds in the Juvenile Probation Office (JPO) that occurred while McGrath-Love was chief juvenile probation officer.

McGrath-Love was terminated from the JPO in November of 1998 following her demotion as chief juvenile officer by District Judge Steven Blair. Judge Blair is responsible for the operation of the JPO.

As a result of that termination, a \$1.5 million lawsuit has been filed against the county by Mrs. McGrath-Love. She contends that

at the time of her dismissal, she was an employee of the county and was denied a grievance hearing following her dismissal as a juvenile probation officer by Judge Blair.

In an April 8th ruling by Montgomery Circuit Court Judge William R. Gordon, it was ruled that McGrath-Love was indeed an employee of the county; however, he further stated in his ruling that she was denied a hearing following the county's established procedure for a grievance hearing.

The Coffee County Commission has asked the courts for a summary judgment based on the fact that McGrath-Love "failed to satisfy the necessary prerequisites for a grievance hearing." It further contends that the lawsuit filed by McGrath-Love should be dismissed.

A court date has been set for May 31 to hear the case and Judge Gordon will preside over the hearing in Courtroom B in the Enterprise Courthouse starting at 10 a.m.

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From the Desk of:

State Representative Terry Spicer

House Stands Firm - "We Want Budget Accountability!"

MONTGOMERY - The House Representative is standing firm in demanding accountability language in the Education Budget for the fiscal year 2001.

"The House is committed to a sound, responsible budget," states Representative Terry Spicer (D-Elba). "We want every nickel to be counted."

With three legislative days to go in the session, House and Senate

members on the budget's conference committee are at odds over the accurate language that has been added to the education budget by the House.

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"Taxpayers want to know how their money is being spent, and I am committed to telling them."

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"Getting the General Fund Budget to the Governor before the "11th hour" shows the impact of strong leadership in the House on the legislative process," states Representative Spicer.

On the heels of the budget vote, House members passed several of bills that impact local community safety. Among them is House Bill 485 by Representative John Rogers (D-Birmingham) that steps up

enforcement measures. The proposal

is to make it a felony to be

convicted of a crime

and to have a suspended sentence

on the record.

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SATURDAY, MAY 20 - Disturbance reported near Tootie Bug's Mulberry Community (12:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Southland (5:29 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 127 (7:11 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAY 21 - River stage - 2.29 (6:07 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on E. Davis (5:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Martin Luther King Drive (9:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on A.L. Hwy. 134 (11:52 p.m.).

TUESDAY, MAY 16 - River stage - 2.29 (6:16 a.m.); Possible wreck reported on Taylor Mill Road (3:43 p.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 607 (2:43 a.m.); River stage - 2.27 (6:24 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Martin Luther King Drive (7:24 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Brookdale Avenue (5:09 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on

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ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday at Noon First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday of the month

WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6-6 p.m. City Hall

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday at 7 p.m. First Baptist Church on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of the month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex - 8:30 a.m.

ELDERS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues - Senior Citizens 10 a.m.

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thursday - 5:30 p.m. City Hall

ANGLERS LEGION - 1st Thur - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month - 7 p.m.

BAND ROOM - 1st & 3rd Mon - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 Noon

COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN - 3rd Sat - 3 p.m. Club House

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Night - Colony Inn

AMERICAN LEGION - Is Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room

AARP - meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hanger

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. Elba High School

ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH is

First Thursday night - 7:00 pm of each

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School got out Friday morning in the Elba City School system, and Melanie wasted no time starting her summer vacation as she spent most of the day Friday swimming, and then Saturday night went home with one of her friends. Mom went to get her early Sunday morning so she could clean up her room, but I am sure Melanie already has plans for even more fun the first full week of vacation. Hold on!

LOOKING BACK AT LAST WEEK IN SPORTS....

The Elba Lady Tigers improved their record to 45-12 early last week with two big wins over Excel in sub-state action, but then left their defense at home when the team headed to Montgomery and claimed only one win at the state tournament, as their goal of bringing home a state championship fell short. The Lady Tigers gave a large crowd plenty to cheer about at the sub-state series as they defeated Excel in a "winner take all" match, winning the title 10-0. The win put Elba in the state tournament for the first time since 1993, and kept alive the players and their fans' dreams of a state championship. The Lady Tigers never really settled in on defense at the state tournament, however, as they lost over 30 errors in three games, and made an exit after only three losses. The Lady Tigers did stage a wild rally to claim a wild win over Mobile power UMS-Wright, and in doing so chalked up the school's first-ever win at the state tournament. Despite the disappointment of not winning the state championship, the team did accomplish something that will be hard to match in years to come. This year's team set a school record for wins by an athletic team in any sport at 46, set a record for most games played at 60, and won a game at the state tournament. I am sure many other individual records also fell during the season, but the team records mean the most, and are something the girls should be proud of. Good job Lady Tigers, it was quite a ride!

Zion Chapel and Clayton got together two weeks ago for a spring football game, and although the Rebels posted an impressive 40-14 win, the game won't be remembered by the score, but for the fight that broke out and resulted in the game being stopped with a minute left on the scoreboard. Rebels sources told me that a Clayton player had already been ejected from the game, and that the fight broke out late in the fourth quarter after a Rebel player was ejected. The fight was reported to be several players from both teams, and the fight broke out late in the fourth quarter after a Rebel player was ejected. The fight was reported to be several players from both teams, and the fight broke out late in the fourth quarter after a Rebel player was ejected.

The Elba Dixie and Dixie Minor Baseball Leagues played some games in Samson early in the year and this weekend will head over to New Brockton as the season heads into full swing. A serious lack of fields makes the league spread out its games to allow the teams to play more than one game a week, and hopefully the city will be successful in its attempt to get funding for new fields at Legion Field, which would give the teams more room to practice, and allow the teams to play two games a week from the start of the season. The funding request has been made, and let's all keep our fingers crossed that the funds will be approved.

Disappointed that last week I was approached by a proud parent that was disappointed that his child's name was not in the paper in the recap of a ball game. I told him and he remained everyone, that the scorekeepers used by the Rec Department are not professionals, and simply do the best they can. The results of the games are based on the score books, and I try to put in as many names as possible. If I miss one, let me know and I will try to correct it. Remember, however, it isn't an easy job.

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In Dixie Youth Baseball League action

Snell home-run sparks Royals to narrow victory

The Elba Dixie Minor and Dixie Youth Baseball Leagues continued their seasons last week, with the Royals' Matthew Snell grabbing the spotlight with a solo home-run, his first of the season, as he helped spark the Royals to an exciting 9-7 win over the White Sox.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

ROYALS 9

WHITE SOX 7

Matthew Snell ripped a solo

home-run in the bottom of the fifth inning to give the Royals the lead and spark their team to a wild 9-7 win over the White Sox, in Dixie Minor action. The score was tied at 7-7 heading into the bottom of the fifth, before Snell delivered his solo home-run to spark the Royals to the win. Mason Gulley and Lonzo Cook both got 2 hits and scored 2 runs for the Royals, while Tommy Stroud got 2 hits and scored 2 runs for the Sox. David Hawkins got 1 hit and scored 2 runs for the Sox.

The Dodgers pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Mets 7-3, in Dixie Minor action. The Dodgers held a slim 3-2 lead after two innings, but slowly pulled away and rolled to the win. Dimitri Tyson scored 2 runs for the Dodgers, which took advantage of 10 walks, while Knight had a triple for the Mets.

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D'BACKS 9

METS 3

The Diamondbacks pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Mariners 9-3, in Dixie Minor action. The D'Backs owned a 3-2 lead after three innings, but then plated six runs in the fourth to pull away and claim the win. Rod Rider and Bradley Wilson both got 2 hits for the D'Backs, while Dylan McCollough scored 3 runs. Shane

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In Dixie Boys Baseball League

Cardinals and Angels battle to 8-inning deadlock

The Elba Dixie Boys Baseball League continued its season last week with three games played at Elba's Legion Field.

Following are last week's highlights:

ZC REBELS 9

NB ANGELS 8

NB CARDINALS 3

Zion Danley ripped a one-out double, stole third, and then raced home on an over-thow to score the winning run as the Zion Chapel Rebels edged past the New Brockton Angels 9-8, in eight innings. The Rebels had scored in the bottom of the seventh to pull even at 8-8, then pulled out the win on Danley's late heroics. Macon Hodge, Jason Danley and T.J. Winters all got 2 hits for the Rebels.

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The New Brockton Angels and New Brockton Cardinals battled to a 5-5 tie in a game that was stopped due to curfew after eight innings. Garrett Roberts and Layton Griffin both got 3 hits for the Angels, while Tyler Simmons got 1 hit for the Cards.

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Teams score runs in bunches as Elba Coach-Pitch Baseball League continues wild season

The action was fast and furious last week as the Coach-Pitch Baseball League continued its exciting season. Following are highlights of last week's action:

PHILLIES 31

RAYS 23

The Phillips scored runs in bunches to claim a wild 31-23 win over the Rays. Matt Halstead, Rob Driggers, Skylar Thames and Nicklaus Stephenson all scored 3 runs for the Phillips, while Chase Hendrix, Jamar Jackson, Zeb Danley, Travis Stewart, Garrett Stephenson, Austin Bryan and Edward Babitt all scored 2 runs. Daniel Bannin, Justin Mallory, Jacob Pettie, Xavier Rodgers and Taylor Cotton all scored 3 runs for the Rays, while Keith Rodgers, Josh Hughes and Jason Allen all scored 2 runs. The Phillips led early and held on to slip past the Zion Chapel Rebels 10-9. The Rebels scored four runs in their first two at-bats to erase a big Phillips lead and pulled within 10-9, but left the tying run on in the bottom of the seventh to cost the team the win. Spivey got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Phillips, while Zach Legg got 2 hits for the Rebels.

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Bishop Morris to be guest speaker June 11, at New Brockton UMC

Bishop William Wesley Morris, United Methodist Bishop of the Alabama/West Florida Conference will be bringing the morning message June 11 at the First United Methodist Church in New Brockton. Bishop Morris just returned from the general conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Bishop Superintendent Dr. Dyess Douglass and his wife, Karla, will accompany Bishop Morris and his wife, Mary. All are welcome to come and hear this inspiring man of God.

Taylor Hill Community Baptist Church to host Gospel Singing, May 27th

Taylor Hill Community Baptist Church will have a gospel singing on Saturday, May 27, at 7 p.m. featuring "Higher Reach." The church is located on Highway 166. Everyone is invited to attend.

Elba Church of God to hold Revival Services

The Elba Church of God will hold Revival Services on June 2-4 with Evangelist Bobby Powell as the guest speaker. The services will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3, and at 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 4. Everyone is invited to attend.

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WINZELL GRAY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
District 5 On June 6th

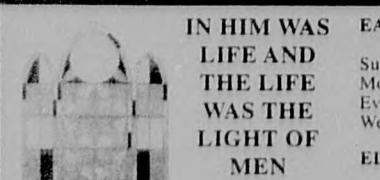
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I'm Approachable... Please, Approach Me With Your Concerns.

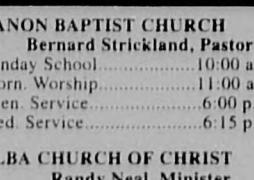
I'm Honest. That's The Best Policy

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ALBERTINE BAPTIST CHURCH
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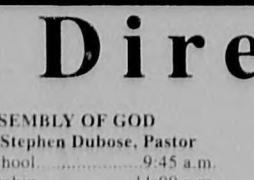
BASIS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Sam Totten, Pastor
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BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Darryl Caldwell, Pastor
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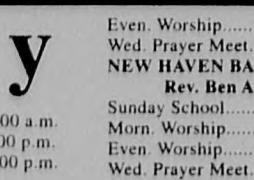
BUCKLEY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Albert Smith, Pastor
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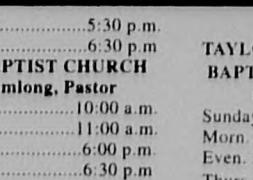
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Rev. Russell Abell, Pastor
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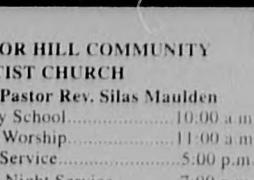
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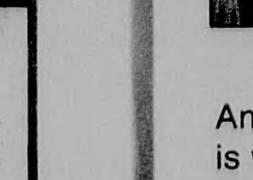
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K. L. Weston, Pastor
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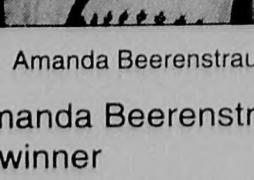
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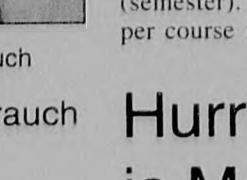
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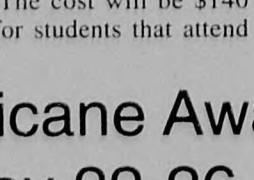
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W. K. Ellison, Pastor
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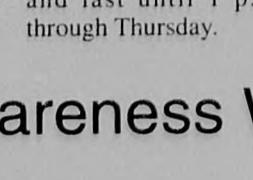
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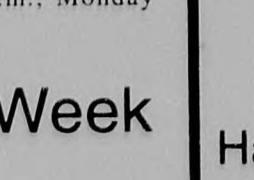
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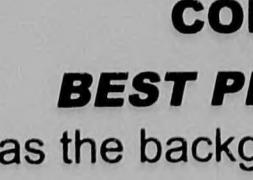
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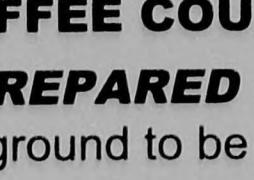
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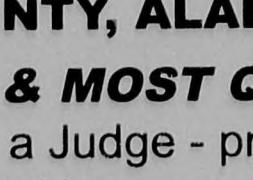
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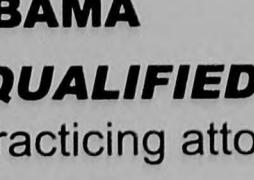
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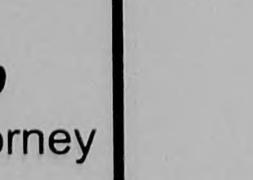
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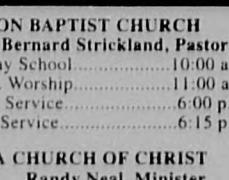
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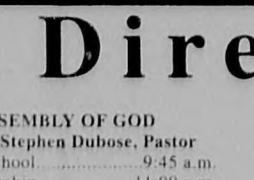
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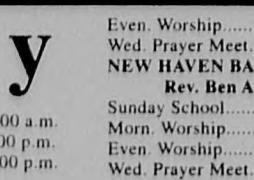
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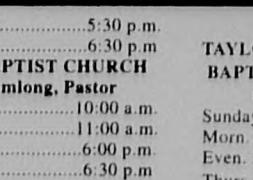
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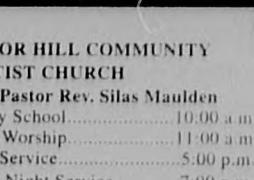
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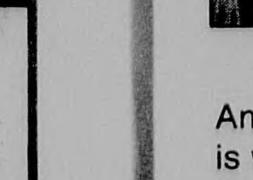
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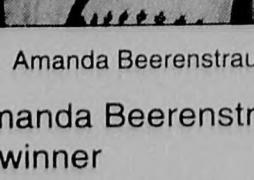
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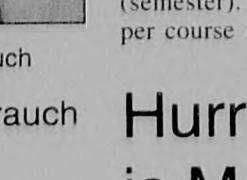
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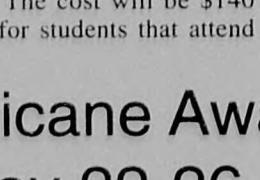
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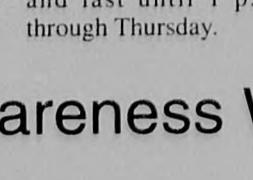
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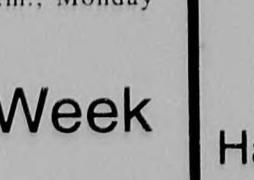
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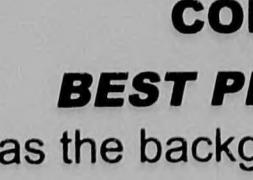
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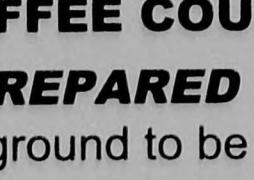
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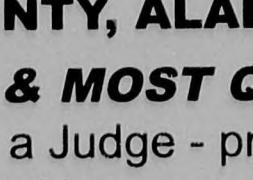
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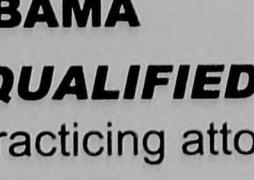
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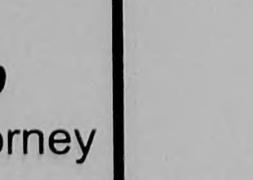
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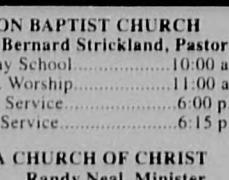
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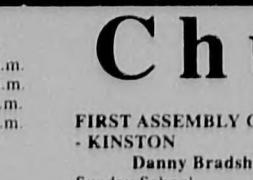
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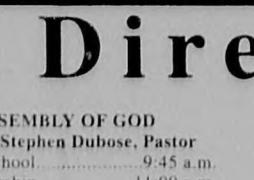
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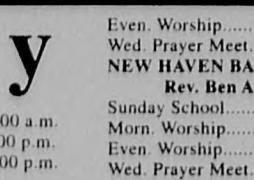
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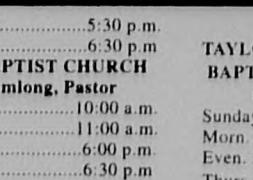
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Community News

City council honors two local heroes for life saving efforts in March



Elba Mayor James Grimes is shown presenting Ralston Moore, center, and Derrick Thomas, left, each a certificate of recognition for their heroic actions in rescuing two young girls from a deadly undertow at Panama City Beach. The young men saved the girls on March 31, 2000 while vacationing during AEA holidays. The certificates were presented during an Elba City Council meeting on Monday night.

Gary WATSON

On Tuesday, June 6, 2000, elect Gary Watson as the Democratic nominee for Coffee County Probate Judge.

*Native of Coffee County

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The Elba City Council met Monday evening and heard Mayor James Grimes paint a brighter picture of the city's future. He explained to the council that the City has finally received some FEMA funds dating back to the aftermath of the 1998 Elba flood.

Since the last council meeting Elba has received \$120,000 on three FEMA projects. This was work authorized by FEMA for reimbursement, but the paperwork has been somewhere in the massive government system and payment was delayed until recently.

Elba also received a \$62,570 check from the Southern Alabama Gas District. However, the final check is some \$17,000 less than expected in recent months and quite a bit less than the \$125,000 projected in the annual budget.

The council accepted the recommendation of Mayor James Grimes and unanimously reappointed Reverend Aubrey Williams to a second term on the Elba School Board. Williams is presently also ending his second one year term as Chairman of the Elba City School Board.

Bids were received on two structures at 916 Neil Granham Drive. The house at this FEMA flood buy out location had been sold previously. There were two bidders on each of the three structures on the property. Roland Powell was the successful bidder on one at \$350 and Donald Hussey was the high bidder on the second at \$200. The city chose to no bid the third structure, saying they had a possible use for this building as a welcome center.

The council approved the payment for a new air-conditioned 5-10 pickup truck for the street department. The truck was purchased for and is being used by the street department mosquito sprayer.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow told the council that Elba has received a used 375 KW diesel generator to serve as a backup on the levee flood pumps and other emergencies. The generator is mounted on a trailer to be moved by an "18 wheeler." It was purchased through the Coffee County Emergency Management with a 75-25 matching grant. City

officials explained that the generator will be stored at the city barn and moved to the levee or where needed at the time of the emergency. It was moved to Elba from Montgomery by the Coffee County Emergency Management.

The city passed two resolutions. The first was to correct a typo in the personnel manual and the second was to reallocate \$4,835 of Community Block Grant funds in an ongoing sewer expansion project.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told the council that all radio operators were attending school in Opp, along with dispatchers around the Wiregrass, to become certified emergency management dispatchers. This is a 40 hour course.

The chief will be in a Chief's conference this week earning his continuing education credits for the year.

The council then went into executive session at the request of the city attorney and adjourned immediately

after emerging from this closed meeting. Attorney Jeff Kelley requested the executive session, telling Mayor Grimes they needed to discuss a pending lawsuit.

NOTICE

The City of Elba Parks and Recreation Department will be offering swimming lessons. The course will begin on June 5 and end on June 9. The event will be held at the Elba City Park from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. The cost is \$25 per child for children ages 5-12.

Also, a youth swim team is being organized for children ages 7-12. The only requirement will be that the child is able to swim a 25 yard continuous

For more information, please contact the Elba Recreation Department at 897-6833.

Commission

From Front Page

expressed his concern about the increased traffic on the road and the utter disregard for law - littering, speeding, dumping dead animals along side the road.

"My main reason for being here today is to plead with you to have the law enforced in my part of the county," he said.

The commissioners were sympathetic with Mr. Barnes' plight but told him that he would need to take the matter up with the sheriff.

Near the conclusion of Monday's meeting Commissioner Berrien Brooks was successful in getting the "omnibus pay bill" off the table.

The bill, Alabama Legislative Act 2000-108, increases certain probate fees to fund pay raises for the sheriff, probate judge, county commissioners and revenue commissioner. The bill stipulated that for the fee increases and the pay raises to become effective it has to be ratified by the county commission. This applied only to Coffee County and five other counties in the state.

When asked to vote Monday night, County Commissioner Brooks and Lewis voted in favor of the bill. Opposing the bill were Commissioners Stephens, Tom Grimesley, Doug Drymple, and Len Averett. Commissioner Linda Westbrook abstained.

Commissioner Drymple expressed his opposition to the bill saying, "It's going to tax the working man of Coffee County to pay this bill...the majority of which make less than \$20,000 per year."

Commissioner Stephens feels

***Renewed the resurfacing and striping contracts for another year with the present vendors.

***Voted to send out bid requests for the construction of cell five at the courthouse landing.

***Approved sending out

requests for bids for mosquito

services at the Enterprise Courthouse.

The specs are to be revised to

include the areas outside the

entrances of the courthouse.

***Restricting of the parking lots

at the Department of Human

Resources and the County Health

Department was approved at a cost

of \$1,500.00.

***Voted to assist the Coffee

County Rural Water Authority in

their need for office space,

utilities, etc. In conjunction

with that motion, Commissioner

Stephens made a motion that the

Bethany Water Authority's office

building be purchased for this

purpose. It passed unanimously.

***Motion passed to contract

with the Southern Council on

Aging for the operation of senior

citizens centers in the Ino, Mt.

Peasant and Pine Level communi-

ties.

ROBERT G. STEPHENS
Working For The People Of District 3
& Coffee County



Commission **ROBERT G. STEPHENS** was instrumental in obtaining a \$115,000 grant from the Federal Department of Transportation to fund the erosion control project pictured above.

County Road 474 near the Kinston Boat Landing has been flooded by high waters during recent floods and the roadway was being threatened by the erosion. Hopefully, this project will prevent the roadway from being washed away in the future.

The road is now scheduled for repaving that the above project has been completed. It though best to wait until all the heavy hauling was complete before resurfacing the road.

ROBERT G. STEPHENS knows where to get the grants for projects like the one above. Let's keep him working for us!

Vote for **ROBERT G. STEPHENS** on June 6th Primary and
KEEP HIM ON THE JOB!

(Paid political adv. by Robert G. Stephens 588 - E. Davis St. Elba, AL 36323)